Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes, the smell will cause some annoyance for a short time.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi)*: Do you not get very valuable manure by that process?

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur)*: May I know whether Government have not received representations from people there regarding the nuisance.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur)*: Has the Government considered the question of shifting it?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I said that day before yesterady. A report is called for from the Municipality. It has not been received yet.

COMPOUNDERS IN THE VETERINARY DEPARTMENT—DRAFTING TO THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

370. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any order is in force to the effect that the compounders of the Veterinary Department who have put in a service of 6 years or less may be drafted to the Medical Department on their passing a proficiency test;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in affirmative, a copy of that order or proceedings may be placed on the Council Table;

(*c*) what are the reasons for denying this chance for transfer to the Veterinary compounders who have put in more than 6 years' service?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A copy of the order is appended. *(Appendix III)*.

(*c*) Vide the order.

SCHOOL-GOING POPULATION—JEWISH COMMUNITY

371. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Will Government be pleased to explain why there is a large number of pupils in schools and colleges belonging to the Jewish Community than the population of school-going age as per Census of 1941—vide Administration report of the Educational Department?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: Under "population of school-going age" only those of the age group 6—13 are taken into account, while the number of those actually under instruction in schools and colleges is given under the head "Number of pupils in schools and colleges". This is also true of all communities given in the report.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know why this school-going population in schools alone is given and not colleges?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: The age from 6 to 13 is more or less arbitrary. If it is reduced to 6—12 it is traditionally accepted. It is all based upon the compulsory school age whether there is compulsory legislation or not. It is purely arbitrary. But that is supposed to be the age of compulsory instruction. Although we have not compulsion, we have accepted the terminology of compulsion.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: It is liable to be misunderstood. That is why I put the question.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: It is so put in order to give some sort of a vague idea as to the number of children of the school-going age. But if it is the wish of the House, we would have no objection to drop the term.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: We want to make it quite clear, so that no misunderstanding will arise in future.

CHELLANAM PRIMARY SCHOOL—DEPRESSED CLASS PUPILS—CLOTHES—SUPPLY OF

372. മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കെ. കുഞ്ഞൻ: തെക്കെ ചെല്ലാനം പ്രൈമറി സ്കൂളിൽ പഠിക്കുന്ന അധഃകൃത കുട്ടികൾക്കു ഇക്കൊല്ലം ആദ്യത്തെ വസ്ത്രദാനം ചെയ്യ തീർന്നായി ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിലേക്കു റിപ്പോർട്ട് ലഭിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

റാവു സാഹിബ്" ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: ഉവ്വ്.

SUPPLY OF BOOKS TO THE DEPRESSED CLASS PUPILS AS PER SUPPLEMENTARY INDENT—DELAY IN

373. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Headmistress of the Girls' High School, Ernakulam, has issued a supplementary indent under date 14th Kumbham 1117 which was approved by the Protector

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